

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of August 16, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error and to specify that the casing is configured to allow movement of the connected printhead integrated circuits and printed circuit board along the casing. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 13, line 26-page 14, line 21 of the present specification; and dependent claims 2-6 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Silverbrook '082 and '908 and Ishikawa in view of newly cited Horvath et al. (US 6,705,705), for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner newly cited Horvath to purportedly teach movement of a connected printhead module and printed circuit board relative to a casing. However, Horvath specifically discloses that the frame 90 is substantially made from the same material as the substrate 44 supporting the printhead dies 40, such that there is no relative movement between the frame and substrate. In particular, Horvath discloses at col. 11, lines 55-67 that

"the relative alignment and/or positioning between and/or among printhead dies 40 is substantially maintained during fabrication and/or operation of inkjet printhead assembly 12 as substrate 44 and/or substrate 32, including frame 90, expand and/or contract."

Thus, it is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that the substrate 44 of Horvath does not move relative to the frame 90, rather they move (i.e., expand and contract) by the same amount.

Having said this, independent claim 1 has been further amended to clarify that the casing is configured to allow movement of the connected printhead integrated circuits and printed circuit board along the casing, which clarifies that the connected printhead integrated circuits and printed circuit board are able to move without movement of the casing.

Thus, no combination of Silverbrook '082 and '908, Ishikawa and Horvath would result in the claimed arrangement recited in amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-6 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

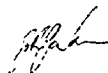
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